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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN REARPLICATION OF:	STEVEN J. MOORE (Tel.: 203-426-4219)	ART UNIT:	2876
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 7, 2004 PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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Applicants respectfully submit this document as responsive to the above referenced office action (the "Office Action").

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• Location of Specified Sections for Scanning

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I.	INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS	Pages 1-3
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• Request for Entrance of Response

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments made herein be entered, and the remarks set forth below be considered, as responsive to the Office Action. This response is believed to be in accord with prosecution on the merits being closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

• Requests for Extension/ Fees Due

The shortened statutory period for reply to the above reference office action was set to expire two months from the mailing date of the office action. As applicant believes its response to be timely, no extension of time fee is believed due. However, if Applicant is incorrect Applicant hereby requests and petitions for an extension of time available to make this reply timely. A check for \$43 (small entity) is attached for the additional independent claim in excess of three that has been added pursuant to the Examiner's requirement to either cancel, amend or rewrite in independent form claim 18. In regard to any extension fee or other fee that may be found to be due, Applicant requests that the USPTO call for appropriate credit card information to pay the deficiency. Applicant asserts small entity status.

Format of this Response

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Only one version of the claims with markings to show changes are provided in accordance with such regulation (underlining to show additions and strike-through marks or [[]] (for deletion of five or less characters) to indicate deleted material). A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were in the application, delineated as either (Original), (Currently Amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), or (Not entered), are presented. A complete listing of the claims commence on a separate sheet of this document with the text of "canceled" or "not entered" claims not being presented as set forth in the revised rules. Concurrent "canceled" or "not entered" claims may be aggregated herein in regard to status. Withdrawn claims and claims unamended are shown in their entirety without mark-up.

If a substitute specification is submitted herein, a clean form and marked-up version are included. Amendments to drawings, if any, are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 on replacement sheets as an attachment to this document (with an accompanying detailed explanation of all of the changes with respect to the drawings made in the remarks section of this amendment).